GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HEALTH CARE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is low availability of essential obstetric care drugs, resuscitation bags and new born care equipments in the health care centers, hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government evaluated the situation and taken any steps to make available such equipments in all the health care centers and hospitals in the country;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey to find out health care centers and hospitals where such equipments are not available; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): In so far as Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC & Associated Hospitals are concerned, all the essential obstetric care drugs, resuscitation bags and new born care equipments are available in these hospitals for the treatment of both mother and baby.

Primary Health Service including services for child health care are provided through a network of sub-centres, primary health centres and community health centres. Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, immunization against six vaccines preventable diseases, management of acute respiratory infections and diarrohoeal diseases, essential new-born care and prophylaxis against nutritional anemia and vitamin A deficiency are being provided. The medicines are made available to sub-centres twice a year through Drug Kits A and B.

(c)&(d): In view of above, do not arise.